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KU KLUX KLAN BREWING RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS HATE

White-Robed Terror Spawning Perilous Doctrines of Prejudice Throughout the Nation

"INVISIBLE EMPIRE" HAS FOOTHOLD IN 45 STATES; SEEKS CONTROL OF COURTS

\$5,000,000 Milked From Pockets of Recruits Into Coffers of "Emperor" and Chief Aides. Proselyting in Philadelphia

OUTRAGES AGAINST MEN AND WOMEN LAID AT DOORS OF ORGANIZATION

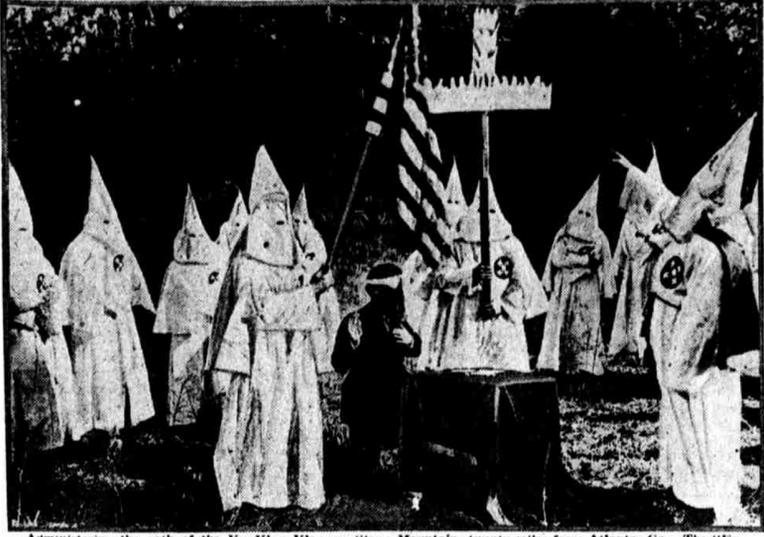
Innermost Mysteries of Order Brought to Light in Expose of Ritual and Propaganda Work, Despite Boast of Well-Camouflaged Headquarters

WHAT IS THE KU KLUX KLAN?
How has it expanded from thirty-four charter members to a membership of more than 500,000 in five years?
How have its "domains" and "realms" and "klans" been extended to forty-five States in the Union, every State but Montana, Utah and New Hampshire?
What are the possibilities of an order that preaches racial and religious hatred of the Jew and the Roman Catholic, of the Negro and the citizen of alien birth?
What are the possibilities of a secret organization that practices censorship of private conduct behind the midnight anonymity of mask and robe, and with weapons of whips and tar and feathers?
What ought to be done about an order whose members are not initiated, but "naturalized," whose oaths bind them to obedience to an "Emperor," self-proclaimed and chosen for life?
What ought to be done about an organization with such objects and methods, when its paid propagators work first among officers of the courts and police department?
What ought to be done about an organization demanding absolute obedience to an "Emperor," an order which peddles bigotry and racial hatred among the officers on the reserve lists of the military and naval forces of the United States?
An investigation of the Ku Klux Klan which required three months and covered the entire United States enables the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER to rip away the veil from the Klan's innermost secrets, to expose the numbing of its ritual, the stream of gold pouring into the "Imperial Palace" from hundreds of thousands of dupes and the outrages committed by mobs wearing the regalia of the Klan.
Photographic copies of the Klan's ritual, of letters obtained from the "inside" of the order and views of "naturalizations" in halls and woodlands will be shown by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER.
The "Invisible Empire" of the Ku Klux Klan was called a dangerous public menace by a war veteran and former official of the order who wrote a blistering letter of withdrawal to the "Emperor" when he discovered the true nature of the Klan. The letter is given fully in this opening article of the series.
To provide a background by which the reader will be better able to appreciate the details of the order's secrets it is necessary to tell when and by whom it was founded.

FORMER KLAN OFFICIAL DENOUNCES "EMPEROR" IN QUITTING THE ORDER

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., were organized October 26, 1915, in Atlanta, Ga., by William Joseph Simmons, who at one period of his life had been an itinerant Methodist preacher; at another, professor of Southern history at Lanier University, a small, newly organized institution in Atlanta, and at still another a solicitor of members for the Woodmen of the World. Now the organization is active in every State of the Union but three. It has a membership of more than 500,000—of 650,000, according to the boasts of its leaders.
When it was organized it was directed against the Negro. Now the Negro has become a side issue. Today it is primarily anti-Jew, anti-Catholic, anti-alien, and it is spreading more than twice as fast through the North and West as it is growing in the South. How has it managed to spread out so widely and rapidly?
Appeals to Race Hatred
First, by appeals to local or sectional prejudices and hatreds. On the Pacific Coast it has beckoned to Japanese and whispered in their ears that the yellow man is plotting to incite the black man in America to rise against the white man. In the cities of the Central West it has preached a doctrine of stamping out radicalism. On the Atlantic Coast it has preached that an alien-born man or woman, even though naturalized, has no place in America. Everywhere it has lured Jews from membership and made anti-Semitism one of its many missions. Everywhere, also, no less positively but more frankly, it has harried and attacked Roman Catholics. Wherever a prospective member lives, he has been promised that his pet aversion will be made an object of Klan action.
Second, its own growth to the employment of a large number of professional salesmen, who net the country in an up-to-date sales organization and peddle memberships on a basis of \$4 for the Klan. It has presented to the public an object of its growth to the rest of his King Kleagle, who pockets another \$1. The remaining \$3 vanishes into the "imperial" treasury of the order. Pursuing manufacturing interests the company manufacturing the regalia, which is sold to the members for \$1.25 and costs \$1.25 to make. The "propagation" department is in

TAKING OATH OF THE "INVISIBLE EMPIRE"



Administering the oath of the Ku Klux Klan on Stone Mountain, twenty miles from Atlanta, Ga. The "Exalted Cyclops" is administering the oath, while the "Kladd" and the "Klaxer," other officers, are aiding in the "naturalization."

KLAN DENOUNCED AS MENACE TO U. S. BY PHILA. MEN

Rotan Ready to Act as Soon as Official Complaint Is Filed With Him

POLICE WILL NOT PERMIT OUTRAGES BY "EMPIRE"

Public officials and prominent lawyers of this city, well known leaders of the various groups which have been declared anathema by the Ku Klux Klan, are quick to denounce the purposes and the means operandi of that organization.
The Klan, it is held, is a menace not merely because it proposes a substitute for law and open courts, but because its whole theory and practice are subversive to the very principles on which the American Government was founded.
District Attorney Roman: "I am opposed to anything against law and order. The Negroes in this State have as much right to enjoy their liberties as the whites. I will look into this matter at once. I am merely waiting for a formal complaint against the so-called organization."
Director of Public Safety Cortelyou: "We do not need any Invisible Empire, or whatever it is, to direct the destinies of our people. Our position in this matter is that the whole organization is directly opposed to the American scheme of government. We place the detection of crime and the source of disorder in the police forces of our communities. To permit a secret order to seize this power is to open the way for grave abuses and for distinct menaces not only to individuals but the whole classes of our people."
"Secret operation through intimidation will not be tolerated, no matter whether the operators call themselves the Ku Klux Klan or something else. The claim that the order proposes

DEATH AND OUTRAGES IN PATH OF KU KLUX INVISIBLE EMPIRE

Violations of the legal rights of individuals by masked mobs wearing Ku Klux regalia. . . . 61
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PRESIDENT'S GOLF OPEN PROBES TO FIX HALTED BY FARMER BLAME IN CHESTER

James Matthews Drives Up at Shore Long Enough to Shake Hands
Mayor, Coroner and County Commissioners Seek Cause of Bridge Crash

HARDING'S SCORE GOOD CITY MOURNS 25 DEAD

Three investigations are under way today to determine the cause of the Third street bridge collapse at Chester Saturday night, which cost twenty-five lives.
Mayor Ramsay, Coroner Drees and the County Commissioners are taking part in the inquiry. It is expected that the blame will be placed in a day or two.
Charges that "putrid politics" are the cause of the crash are being made. Chester people are talking of the tragedy with soft voices, but there is an undercurrent of strong feeling that some one should be punished.
Following a proclamation issued by Mayor Ramsay this morning, all Chester's flags are at half-staff for those who lost their lives in the tragedy. The proclamation, which was issued after a conference with the City Council, reads:
"Our city has again been passed into mourning by the frightful disaster which occurred on Saturday night, in which twenty-five of our valued citizens lost their lives.
"Neither time nor space would permit us to fully tell of the wonderful work done by our citizens in rescuing and helping those who were caught in the work of the bridge, but like at all other times when the citizens of Chester have been called upon to render heroic service, they responded, and to the police and fire departments, city officials and private citizens we extend the appreciation of the city for their heroic efforts."
"The city mourns as it did in the days following the Eddystone explosion and we earnestly hope that flags be flown at half-staff and services of mourning be held."

COURIER CARRIES IRISH NOTE TO LLOYD GEORGE

Dail Eireann Sends Reply to Inverness, Scotland
Dublin, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—A courier of the Dail Eireann left Dublin this morning for Inverness, Scotland, where Prime Minister Lloyd George has been making his headquarters.
Robert C. Barton, who was the official Dail courier in the last exchange of notes with Lloyd George, did not make the journey this time. This was considered to strengthen the rumor that he would be one of the plenipotentiaries for the proposed peace negotiations.
The Dail Eireann, it is stated, will be given a free hand in the selection of the Irish plenipotentiaries.
The position as Foreign Minister in the Dail Cabinet, is certain of being designated. John MacNeill, speaker of the Dail Eireann, also is likely to be selected.
Dublin messages last night intimated that the Eireann Cabinet completed its reply to the latest note from Lloyd George.

5 OIL TANK BLASTS EMPTY HALF OF HOMES IN HALIFAX

Terrified Residents Fear Repetition of Catastrophe of December, 1917
Halifax, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—Explosion of five tanks of the Imperial Oil Company's plant at Dartmouth, on the east side of Halifax harbor, early today, caused the evacuation of half the homes in Halifax.
The explosion, which occurred at 10 o'clock, was the most serious in the city since the explosion of December, 1917, when the munition ship Mont Blanc blew up and wrecked a third of Halifax with loss of 1200 lives, though it was another such disaster. Indications were that there had been neither loss of life nor serious injury in today's explosion.
Halifax was shaken by the first explosion. A blast in the refining stills caused the blast, which was succeeded by a second and a third explosion within a few seconds. Glass was shattered in windows here with each shock. Telephone service was disrupted.
Aroused from sleep, people saw the sky light with the flames of burning oil and there was a rush to the streets,

ROBBED IN WASHINGTON

Phila. Salesman Severely Beaten by Thugs in Capital
Harvey Schifren, a jewelry salesman, of 923 North Franklin street, was robbed of a \$900 diamond ring last night about 10 o'clock by four men at Third and E streets, Washington.
Schifren was picked up from the sidewalk, where he was left by the robbers, and taken to Emergency Hospital. He has a broken nose and cuts on his head.
The robbery and attack took place only two blocks from police headquarters. A few hours after the robbery detectives arrested Charles James Baker, a former police patrol driver.
Schifren, according to the police, exhibited the diamond ring in an E street club Saturday night. The ring caught the eye of a lounge in the place and, after some bargaining, he agreed to find a purchaser. Last night the same man approached Schifren and said that he had found some one who would buy the ring, the police assert.
Schifren took his companion met four men who were sitting in an automobile. The engine of the machine was kept running, the police alleged. The robbery and attack followed.

RAIN SWAMPS FIELD; SPORTS ARE ALL WET

Augustus Q. Rain today won a flock of victories. As a post entry, he put the kibosh on baseball, national tennis, women's tennis, polo, football practice, the Tenders, Friedman boat at the Philadelphia Park; in fact, anything and everything in the outdoor sports department. Tomorrow, maybe, the athletes will resume their various stunts.

ARBUCKLE TO FACE 1ST DEGREE CHARGE FOR GIRL'S DEATH

Comedian Accused of Inflicting Fatal Injuries on Film Beauty

SAY FATTY HAD "WAITED FOR HER FIVE YEARS"

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A formal charge of first-degree murder, San Francisco police authorities have announced, will be preferred today against Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, the motion-picture comedian, under arrest here in connection with the death last Friday of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress.
Miss Rappe's death followed her attendance at a party given in Arbuckle's suite at a local hotel, and the "Exalted Cyclops" is administering the oath, while the "Kladd" and the "Klaxer," other officers, are aiding in the "naturalization."

WAITED FOR HER FIVE YEARS

District Attorney Matthew Brady, of San Francisco County, in a statement said today, evidence in the case "shows conclusively either that an assault or an attempted assault was perpetrated."
"Miss Rappe died as a direct result of internal injuries," Mr. Brady's statement said. "The evidence disclosed beyond question that this was caused by Arbuckle. We know from the evidence that Arbuckle seized Miss Rappe and dragged her into his bedroom, starting, 'I have waited for you for five years and now I have got you.'"
Arbuckle is of huge build, weighing 300 pounds, and despite his size, is powerful and athletic.
Examination of the body of Miss Rappe, Dr. Shelby P. Strang, acting autopsy surgeon, reported last night, revealed eleven bruises.
Among the witnesses, who will be continued on Page Two, Column Three

TRAIN FROM SHORE HALTS

Breakdown of Local Delays Many Commuters
Passengers returning from Atlantic City on the 7 o'clock train this morning and many commuters waiting for a train-bound train this side of Haddonfield were delayed for a half hour or more when a Pennsylvania locomotive broke a connecting rod.
The train to which the accident occurred was a local out of Haddonfield, which broke down before it had gone ten miles. The following Atlantic City train overtook the disabled local and had to back to Winslow Junction, where it was allowed to get out-bound track and this passed around the stalled train.

GOVERNMENT SUES FOR BERGDOLL'S "POT OF GOLD"

Colonel Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, today filed a bill in equity in the United States District Court to force Mrs. Emma Bergdoll to give an accounting of the property she holds for her son Guy, the millionaire slacker, who is now a fugitive in Germany. Bergdoll's property was seized by the Government last May and little has been heard of the \$100,000 "pot of gold" alleged to have been buried in the Maryland hills, which served as his excuse for escape.

MAYOR MOORE ORDERS INSPECTION OF CITY BRIDGES

Mayor Moore today ordered Director of Public Works Caven to make an immediate inspection of all bridges in the city, including those in Fairmount Park, to determine their safety, as a precaution against repetition here of the bridge disaster in Chester Saturday evening. He said several of the bridges in the city are unsafe, citing as an example the South street bridge now being reconstructed.

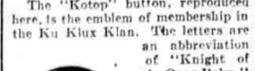
BLUE MONDAY IS HERE

Drizzle and Cloudy Skies Make for Gloomy Day
Low-hanging clouds, which blanketed the city in darkness, began to drip rain shortly before 11 o'clock.
Dense volumes of smoke joined the ominous clouds in plunging the city into a winter-like gloaming at 10 o'clock. Electric lights were flashed on in offices, stores and factories.
Low temperatures are recorded in the West, and the rain here may be followed by snappy weather.

250 LEGIONARIES RETURN

Americans Back From Dedicatory Visit to France
New York, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—Two hundred and fifty members of the American Legion, headed by National Commander John G. Emery, who left here August 4 on the George Washington, returned today on the steamship Leopolda from Havre.
The party was met at quarantine by the police boat John P. Hyatt, carrying more than a hundred Legion men as a welcoming committee.

If You See This Button Wearer Is a Klansman



The "Kotop" button, reproduced here, is the emblem of membership in the Ku Klux Klan. The letters are an abbreviation of "Knight of the Open Palm." The button signifies that the wearer is a "citizen" of the "Invisible Empire" and that he has taken an oath of obedience and loyalty to the "Imperial Wizard and Emperor" of the order.
It also indicates that the wearer has parted with a \$10 "donation" to learn the mysteries of the Klan. It will be noted that the hand is open instead of gripping a whip or a tar brush, which hooded men wearing the order's regalia, have used in many instances.

TORCH TANK EXPLODES IN CITY HALL; ONE HURT

Force of Blast Knocks Workman From Scaffold
The tank of an acetylene torch exploded in Room 676, on the sixth floor of City Hall at 9:15 o'clock this morning, knocking a workman from a scaffold and causing a small fire.
Noise of the explosion was heard throughout the building and caused considerable alarm among the hundreds of employees who jammed the elevators on their way to work.
A dozen engine companies arrived a few minutes later, and firemen, attaching a line of hose to a plug on the sixth floor, quickly extinguished the blaze.
Nichilo Sepo, twenty-eight years old, 1523 North Lawrence street, was injured. He was standing on a scaffold painting a wall of the room. The force of the explosion caused him to fall twenty feet. He was severely cut and bruised.
Room 676 was formerly used as the prisoners' dock of the Municipal Court. It is now being remodeled as a part of the District Attorney's suite of offices.

ROOT DECLINES TO SERVE AS WORLD COURT JUDGE

His Refusal Increases Chances of John Bassett Moore
Geneva, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—Elihu Root has definitely declined to be considered for election as Judge of the International Court of Justice, in a cablegram to Dr. Manley O. Hudson, who is here in the capacity of American observer. Mr. Root declares he will be unable to serve on the court because of his age.
Mr. Root's message definitely disposed of his candidacy. They expressed belief that it was certain the names of both John Bassett Moore and Professor Roscoe Pound, Americans, would be placed in nomination and that the one developing the greatest strength after the first or second ballot would be elected. The league has been informed that either would accept election.
Mr. Root's cablegram in reply to a personal message of inquiry. He said he deeply regretted he could not serve, as it was too great a responsibility for one to assume at the age of seventy-six.
There were many expressions of keen regret at Mr. Root's action, and a number of delegations to the League assembly indicated they would substitute the name of Moore when the election takes place on Wednesday.
Gastavie Aler, former president of Switzerland, was elected honorary president of the assembly today.

SPIKER FAMILY ROMANCE SHATTERED BY GUY'S WIFE

Young Englishwoman Disappears, Tired of Her Husband
Baltimore, Sept. 12.—(By A. P.)—The romance of Mrs. Emily Knowles Spiker, which created a sensation two years ago, when, as the mother of Guy Spiker's child, she came to America from England to wed his brother, Guy Spiker, has been shattered. Mr. Spiker, who lived with Guy Spiker last Baltimore, has disappeared.
"The child, which had been adopted by Percy Spiker's wife, when she gave her husband for his infidelity, is with the American army overseas, in the home of the Percy Spikers."
The English girl left her home several weeks ago, according to her husband, leaving a note saying that she no longer cared to live with him.
"She went of her own free will," said Guy Spiker last night, "and she can stay."

TOO MUCH "MOONSHINE"

P. R. J. Passenger Was Annoyed When Asked for His Fare
"A moonshine party is no excuse for assault and battery," said Magistrate Costello in holding George Skaggs, 2625 Almond street, in \$900 bail for the Grand Jury.
Charles Buehler, 3446 Frankford avenue, a P. R. J. conductor, said Skaggs cut his head for his fare.

BOLT HITS GASOLINE TANK; THREE FALL FIGHTING FLAMES

Fire Still Raging in 10,000-Gallon Container at 58th Street and Schuylkill River

MEN WITH ICE IN HELMETS ARE FORCED BACK BY HEAT

Lightning struck a 10,000-gallon gasoline tank at the Gulf Refining Company, Fifty-eighth street and the Schuylkill River, at 10:45 o'clock this morning, and made so hot a fire that firemen dropped from the heat, though they wore helmets of ice in their helmets.
Those who collapsed were:
Captain Simpson, Truck 2, taken to University Hospital.
William Forbes, Truck 13, revived on ground.
Mike Holland, Truck 13, revived on ground.

10,000 Gallons in Tank

The fire was in the Gibson's Point plant of the Gulf Refining Company, on the river. The big tank, filled to the top with 10,000 gallons of gasoline, went up in a puff and a flash when the lightning bolt struck it during the brief thunderstorm this morning.
An alarm was sent in immediately, and some time after the first firefighters arrived a second was struck so there would be men enough to keep hose lines playing on the other tanks.
The nearest fire engine, which is only about twenty yards away from the blazing container, the firemen are fighting the flames, in ten-minute shifts, from a distance of about twenty yards all around the tank.

Stagger From Flames

Several times men holding a hose line were seen to drop it and stagger out, leaving the hose to coil and double on the ground, before their ten-minute shifts were up. They had to get out or collapse. The next crew each time, waiting and ready, dashed in and captured the burning hose, facing the intense heat in their turn as long as possible.
So intense was the heat that telegraph wires at a distance of thirty yards were melted after the insulation had been burned off.
The great heat of the blazing gasoline heated the entire rim of the big tank to a distance as low as the gas had burned, until the metal was incandescent.
The big tank has a drainage system for emergency, as all such tanks have, and the pumps were started as soon as the fire broke out, to drain off the gasoline into a reserve safety tank. When, by burning and draining, the gasoline had been reduced to about one-fourth of the quantity originally in the tank, it was necessary to discontinue the pumping, because the gasoline had itself become so superheated that it was no longer safe to handle or pump into the reserve tanks.